**Social Studies 8- Extra Credit- Strike it Rich**

An online adventure in the California Gold Fields from the PBS Companion site to its American Experience companion site to the “Gold Rush” episode.

Attention: Flash plug in is required so you may need to do this at school in the media center if you only have Apple products at home. The Non-Flash Version doesn’t permit game play

The site is linked to the home page of the <http://harmonss8.wikispaces.com> wiki. Or, type in the direct link below. http://www.uml.edu/tsongas/bringing-history-home/page\_00/index.htm

1. Click on the Map to Open the Game

*Instructions Continued on the Reverse*

2. Choose one of the characters to play as given the background description along with the Starting Health, Wealth, Mining Experience and Business Know-How scores they are given.

These will have an affect on your opportunities.

3. Record your starting scores on your worksheet and begin play. Note the possessions that you have to start with. And keep track of the possessions that you gain and lose.

4. As you make decisions, you’ll gain and lose points in each of the areas. You will need to buy the necessary equipment to mine. As you gain points, you’ll have different opportunities. Your job is to try to strike it rich during the Gold Rush. You don’t have to strike it rich by mining gold. How you spend your wealth is as important as how you earn it. Be sure to read the information that pops up. Information will suggest options and help you make better decisions.

5. Keep notes about your decisions and consequences as you move between San Francisco, Sacramento, the River, the Mining Camp, and the Foothills.

6. When finished, record your final scores in each of the four areas.

7. If you fail, note how your turn ends.

8. Go back and play as many times as you wish with as many different characters to learn more… or at least to learn enough to strike it rich.

9. When finished, summarize your lessons learned about the California Gold Rush.

10. Turn in your results sheet when finished.

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